

NOTICE OF EXEMPTION 2018068202

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From: Department of Motor Vehicles
2415 First Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818

Project Title: Department of Motor Vehicles Reedley Field Office Replacement Project

Project Location – Specific: 3 acre vacant land located adjacent to East Dinuba Avenue

Project Location – City: Reedley

Project Location – County: Fresno

Description of Nature, Purpose, and Beneficiaries of Project:

The Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) seeks to purchase approximately 3 acres of land located southeast of the intersection of East Dinuba Avenue and South Buttonwillow Avenue approximately 1.5 miles from downtown Reedley, Fresno County California. The Department of Motor Vehicles is proposing the replacement of an existing 3,816 gross square foot (GSF) field office. The replacement office would be a new single story facility of approximately 14,400 GSF with 102 parking spaces which will include site work, utilities, walkways, curbs, gutters signage, landscaping, irrigation, fencing, gates, trash enclosure, site drainage, site lighting, and surface parking. Future actions, including development of the property, will undergo complete environmental review as required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA).

Name of Public Agency Approving Project: Department of Motor Vehicles

Name of Person or Agency Carrying Out Project:

Micky Chen, Project Director, Project Management & Development Branch, Real Estate Services Division, Department of General Services

EXEMPT STATUS: California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061(b)(3): General Rule/Common Sense Exemption

Reason Why Project Is Exempt:

The acquisition activity is exempt under the "general rule" or "common sense" exemption at California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15061, subdivision (b)(3). The common sense exemption states a project is exempt from CEQA if "the activity is covered by the general rule that CEQA applies only to projects which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA." The land acquisition agreements that transfer the ownership to the State do not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Any future approval of any use of the site (e.g. development of an ARB Laboratory) is conditioned upon full CEQA compliance per California Code of Regulations, title 14, section 15004, subdivision (b)(2)(B), which states prior to completion of CEQA compliance regarding the use of a site, "agencies may designate a preferred site for CEQA review and may enter into land acquisition agreements when the agency has conditioned the agency's future use of the site on CEQA compliance."


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